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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR HUGHES SATELLITE BRIEFINGS

REF: JIDDA 3825 (NOTAL)

REQUEST FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED EDWARD T. PFUND, MANAGER  
SPACECRAFT CONTROLS AEROSPACE GROUP, HUGHES AT EL SEGUNDO CAL-  
IFORNIA (TEL: 213/648-4024) FROM ECON COUNSELOR BIRD:

1. REFERRING TO YOUR EARLIER COMMERCIAL CABLE REGARDING  
BRIEFING OF PRESIDENT OF CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION, WE  
HAVE RAISED SUBJECT WITH HISHAM NAZIR WHO IS PREPARED TO  
RECEIVE YOUR TEAM OR SINGLE BRIEFER AT ANY TIME. HE SUGGESTED  
CPO CONSULTANTS (PROBABLY MEMBERS OF STANFORD RESEARCH TEAM  
BUT PERHAPS INCLUDING SOME SAUDI TELECOM EXPERTS FROM CPO  
OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS) COULD BE BRIEFED IN RIYADH FIRST.

2. HE MENTIONED POSSIBLE CONFLICT WITH BACKBONE TELECOMMUNICATIONS  
PROJECT NOW UNDER WAY AS FIRST PHASE IN ITU-APPROVED PROJECT  
TO USE COAXIAL CABLE AND MICROWAVE SYSTEMS. SECOND, THIRD  
AND FOURTH PHASES OF THIS WOULD, HOWEVER, TAKE MINIMUM OF  
TEN YEARS TO COMPLETE AND REACH ALL PARTS OF KINGDOM. IF  
DOMESTIC SATELLITE BRIEFING COULD BE RELATED TO SUBSTITUTING  
FOR THESE LATER BACKBONE PHASES AS LOGICAL ONGOING PROGRAM  
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PROJECT MIGHT HAVE MORE CHANCE OF A HEARING WITHIN SAG, IN

OUR OPINION. BACKBONE PHASE ONE WILL CONNECT ONLY MAJOR CITIES ACROSS PENINSULA (JIDDA, RIYADH, DHAHRAN AREA) AND ITALIAN GROUP HARD AT WORK ON THIS NOW. EMPHASIS SHOULD PROBABLY BE ON NEW SOPHISTICATION OF EQUIPMENT AND EXPERIENCE WITH CANADIAN SATELLITE, PLUS DEFENSE CAPABILITIES.

3. YOU MAY WISH SEEK A DIRECT APPOINTMENT OR REQUEST SUCH AN APPOINTMENT THROUGH THE EMBASSY, GIVING US ALTERNATIVE TIME FRAMES. WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT RAISED THIS SUBJECT WITH OTHER MINISTRIES OF SAG WHO WILL CERTAINLY BE INVOLVED IN FINAL DECISION.

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